

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐  
no ☒

Property Name: Colesville Elementary School Inventory Number: M: 33-12  
Address: 14015 New Hampshire Avenue Historic district: yes ☒ no  
City: Silver Spring Zip Code: 20904 County: Montgomery  
USGS Quadrangle(s): Beltsville  
Property Owner: Montgomery County Tax Account ID Number: 00251846  
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): P082 Tax Map Number: JR52  
Project: Intercounty Connector Agency: State Highway Administration/FHWA  
Agency Prepared By: EHT Tracerics, Inc.  
Preparer's Name: Kristie Baynard Date Prepared: 4/15/2004  
Documentation is presented in: MIHP form and Addendum

Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended  
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

*Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:*

Name of the District/Property: \_\_\_\_\_  
Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Eligible: yes Listed: yes

Site visit by MHT Staff yes ☒ no Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

The original section of the building at 14015 New Hampshire Avenue, was built in 1929 and is attributed to Howard W. Cutler, who was the exclusive architect for Montgomery County Public Schools from 1926 to 1935. The one-story masonry building was enlarged in the middle part of the 20th century and now serves as a community center (Montgomery County Colesville Center). It rests on a stretcher bond brick foundation, is constructed of five-course common-bonded brick, and is capped by a flat roof. It has one exterior stretcher bond brick chimney. It has rowlock sills, a recessed door with three-light sidelights and a seven-light transom. The Colesville Elementary School is part of an unplanned development, a common occurrence in Montgomery County. Small lots, typically one acre or less, on the edge of a farm and neighboring roads were platted by the farm owner to help defray rising tax costs. This parcel is located within a patent called Beall Christie, which was purchased in 1721 by James Beall, Sr. Beall Christie consisted of 503 acres that extended from Hobbs Drive south to Canon Road on the east side of New Hampshire Avenue. This property has no known association with the events and trends that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history, thus disqualifying it for eligibility under Criterion A. The property is not associated with any person or group of persons of outstanding importance to the community, state, or nation. Therefore, 14015 New Hampshire Avenue is not eligible under Criterion B. This property neither embodies distinctive characteristics of the mid-twentieth century and has been substantially enlarged and lacks sufficient integrity. Although designed by Howard W. Cutler, the building is not a good example of his work. Thus, it is disqualified for eligibility under Criterion C. The former elementary school at 14015 New Hampshire

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW**

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MHT Comments:

Don Johnson ✓  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services  
Bluntz  
Reviewer, National Register Program

6/29/04  
Date  
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venue was not evaluated under Criterion D. Therefore, it has been determined that the building at 14015 New Hampshire Avenue is not eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, and C.

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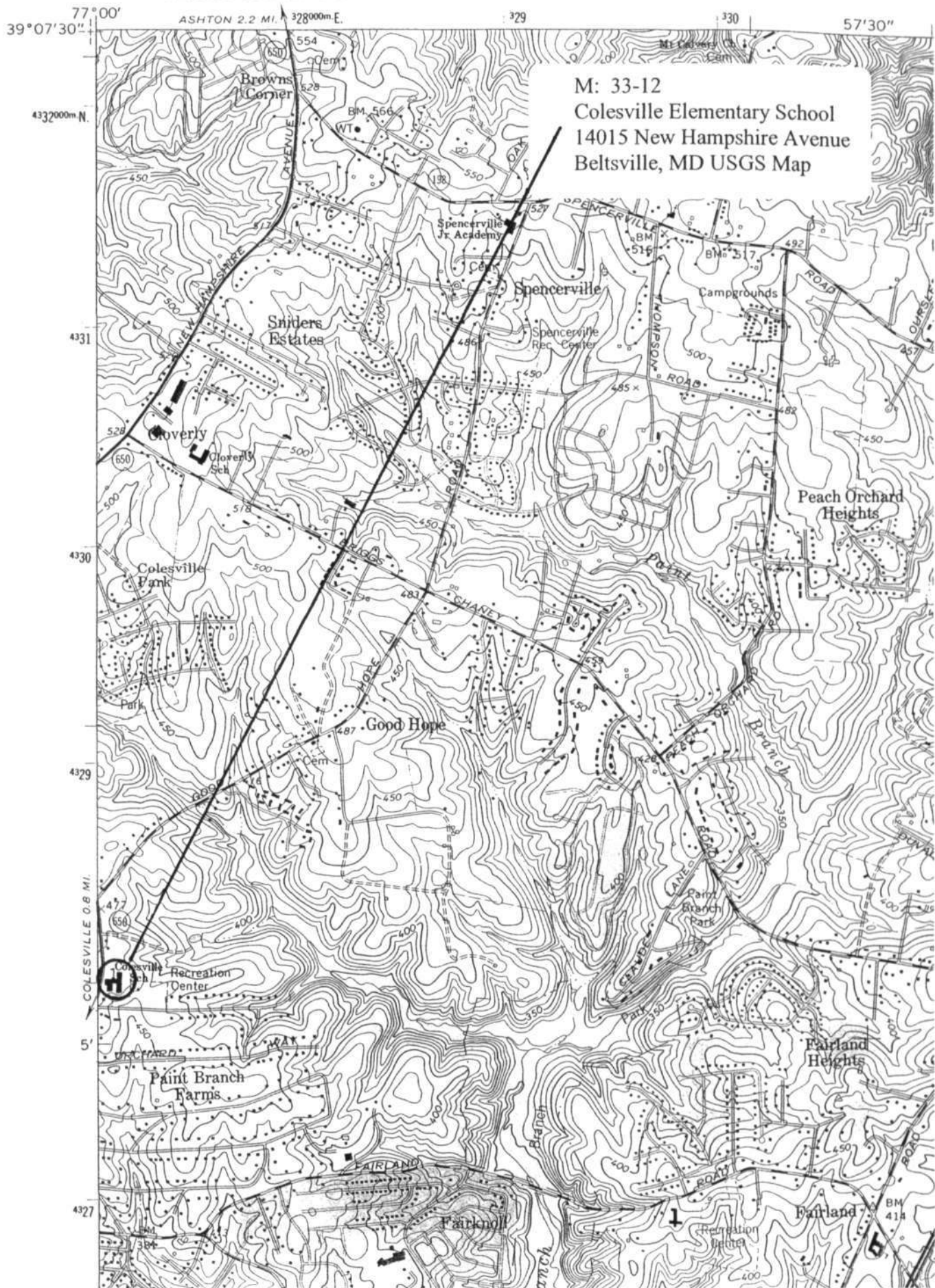
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MHT Comments:

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services\_\_\_\_\_  
Date\_\_\_\_\_  
Reviewer, National Register Program\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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(SANDY SPRING)

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY





M. 33-12

COLESVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
14015 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

12/2003

MD SATPD

NORTH ELEVATION. VIEW LOOKING SOUTH

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COLESVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
14015 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD  
TRACERIES

12/2003

MD SHPO

WEST ELEVATION, VIEW LOOKING SOUTHEAST

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Colesville Elementary School  
14015 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE  
Montgomery County, MD

TRACERIES

12/2003

MD SHPO

NORTH ENTRANCE, VIEW LOOKING SOUTHWEST

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M. 33-12

COLESVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

14015 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

12/2003

MD SHPO

NORTHEAST CORNER

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Colesville School (Colesville Elementary School)

AND/OR COMMON

Colesville Health Center (Maryland Child Services)

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

14015 New Hampshire Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Colesville

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC *leased*  
☐ PRIVATE  
☒ BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☒ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☒ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☒ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☒ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Montgomery County

Telephone #: 217-2500

STREET &amp; NUMBER

101 Monroe Street

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

VICINITY OF

MD 20850

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE.  
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Department of Assessments and Taxation

Liber #: 488

Folio #: 495

STREET &amp; NUMBER

51 Monroe Street, 3rd Floor

CITY, TOWN

Rockville, Maryland 20850

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
 SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

*interior*

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CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED

DATE

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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The oldest visible section of Colesville School dates from 1929. It is the front facade and classrooms. The exterior of this section is in a fairly good state of preserve. Rear additions have altered the scale of the building.

The school is a one-story structure, symmetrically disposed with articulated, set-back sides in the Art Deco style of the 1920s. This structure was built as a solid brick edifice with flat walls, flat roof, concrete base, brick cornice (now covered by metal), moulded brick copings, stone corbels, and cast iron vents. The school probably had steel sash windows for the large glazed areas on the side walls.

The perfect balance of this building gives the school an ordered, controlled and serene character. The edifice's symmetrical character is most pronounced from its front (south) elevation. The principal facade has a center double door (now there are metal doors). Originally, the porch by protected by a projecting roof (probably straight barrel mission tile, variegated with grey, red, green and other colors. The main door (now replaced by metal doors), which still has an attractive fanlight, is elevated by concrete steps and platform. It probably had a wrought iron railing. Above the roof porch is a stone panel incised with the name of the school. At the far ends of the front facade are decorative panels with Flemish bond brick work.

The side elevations are similar (except that the west elevation expresses two original classrooms while the east elevation articulates only one original classroom). All three of these classrooms have exterior doors, which are raised by concrete platforms and originally protected by tin roofs with wood brackets.

The interior is arranged around a central hall. The front porch leads into a central vestibule flanked by small rooms (probably designed as cloak rooms) and classrooms. The three oldest classrooms have corner chimneys. The interior of the old section has been modified for bathrooms and additions. Originally, bathrooms were probably in a separate outhouse.

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## SIGNIFICANCE

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The American Institute of Architects

## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1929

BUILDER/ARCHITECT attributed to H.W. Cutler

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Colesville School (1929) is an important architectural landmark in the history of Montgomery County and its public schools. It is one of the few remaining schools built during the 1920s. As such, it is the product of the phenomenal growth of the suburbs in Montgomery County, Maryland, during 1920s when the federal government was expanding.

The prosperity of the 1920s changed Montgomery County's perception of itself. A feeling of maturity and sophistication raised architectural standards and expectations. From the 1920s onward, it became the norm to engage professional architects to design schools. Howard Cutler probably designed this building (it closely resembles Cutler's design for Garrett Park School, 1928).

During this period, Cutler transformed the educational architecture of Montgomery County. Cutler, a professional architect, was trained in New York State, a member of the Central New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, and a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects.<sup>1</sup>

Colesville School exemplifies the spirit of Montgomery County's new academic vision and the major reforms in its public schools. This period brought forth a mature 12 year system with junior and high schools. Its style and disposition abandon the early 20th century one-room school house. Although this school is not huge, it is not house-like. Despite its straightforward appearance and lack of expensive ornamentation, it possesses the character of an institution.

\* on site of earlier Colesville School

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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Archives, The American Institute of Architects;  
Construction Division, Montgomery County;

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY

2.97A**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

New Hampshire Avenue, Hobbs Drive,

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

DATE

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STREET &amp; NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Vienna,

Virginia

22180

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